

Pre-Planning Enquiry Wastewater Guidance Notes



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Guidance for a wastewater pre-planning enquiry

Southern Water provides an optional pre-planning enquiry to assist developers in identifying possible constraints that may be associated with servicing a development site. The enquiry can assist developers in understanding the impact the development proposals will have on our sewerage networks prior to land acquisition or the submission of a planning application.

This is a simple check that will identify whether the required capacity is available adjacent to or close to the proposed development. The results of the pre-planning enquiry are for information only and should not be regarded as an approval or rejection of your proposals, nor should the results be used as a basis for design.

These assessments are only of the piped networks upstream of the treatment works/surface water outfalls. In some cases the enquiry cannot be completed due to incomplete or insufficient records. In this instance, we may ask the applicant to provide surveys of drainage in the area. These would be conducted at the applicant's expense. Should lack of capacity be identified you will be provided with an indication of the nearest point at which capacity is available. If this alternative point does not meet your requirements, network reinforcement will need to be provided by Southern Water subject to the provisions of new connections charging rules which now apply as directed by Ofwat.

Please read through these documents as they may affect your development site in the future:

southernwater.co.uk/connection-charging-arrangements

We will endeavour to provide you with a written reply within 21 working days of receipt of a complete application.

Please refer to the application form for the fee required. It should be noted that a charge will be made for any repeat enquiries.

Important notes:

The results of the pre-planning enquiry does not necessarily provide an identified solution for servicing the proposed development site. The enquiry is aimed at simply providing an indication of whether capacity is available.

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